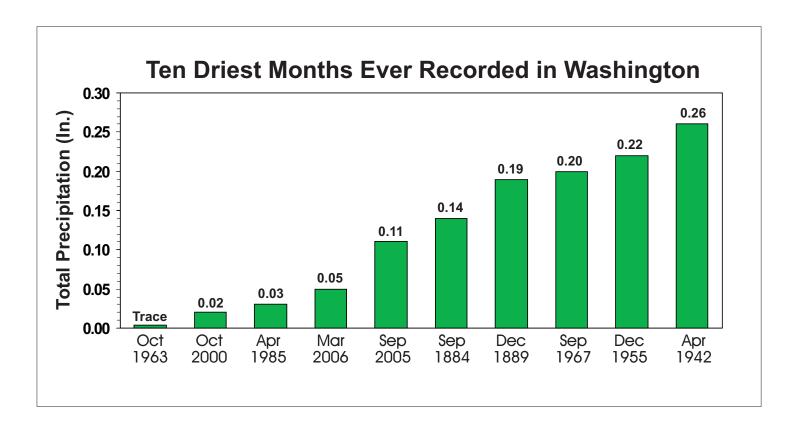






MARCH 2006: Driest March On Record At All Three Major Airports; Fourth Driest Month Ever Recorded in Washington



March Highlights

- Above normal temperatures and record dryness across the Washington/Baltimore area
- Driest March on record at all three major airports (DCA 0.05", IAD 0.07", BWI 0.18")
- Driest month at DCA, BWI and IAD since October 2000
- ₹ Fourth driest month ever recorded in Washington and BWI; tied with October 2000 for 2nd driest at IAD
- Moderate drought conditions develop across metro areas and points east by month's end
- ♦ No measurable precipitation at DCA from 3rd-20th and from 15th-31st at BWI
- Washington observed 14th month in last 17 with above normal temperatures
- Maximum readings of 85°F at DCA and IAD, 84°F at BWI on 13th